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## FIVE NAVY MEDICINE MOMENTS IN APRIL 2017 [PHOTOS]

Every day, more than 63,000 Navy Medicine personnel are operating forward around the world, providing agile, rapid health care support to the Navy and Marine Corps. Ensuring lives are saved wherever our forces operate is what we do, be it above the sea, on the sea, below the sea or on the battlefield. The following photos depict our medical professionals at work during April 2017.



Lt. Paula Davidson, from Casper, Wyo., assigned to Naval Branch Health Clinic Gulfport, Miss., performs dental work at a Manauare

hospital during a Continuing Promise 2017 (CP-17) visit to Mayapo, Colombia. CP-17 is a U.S. Southern Command-sponsored and U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/U.S. 4th Fleet-conducted deployment to conduct civil-military operations including, humanitarian assistance, training engagements, and medical, dental, and veterinary support to Central and South America. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Shamira Purifoy/Released)



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*Sailors and Marines assigned to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (24th MEU) treat a simulated patient during a casualty evacuation drill aboard the amphibious transport dock ship USS Mesa Verde (LPD 19). (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Gunnery Sgt. Adaecus G. Brooks/Released)*



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